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ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER INJURED IN COLLISION ON STATE ROUTE 51

On October 15, 2007 at 8:03am Arizona Department of Public Safety Officer Jason Lenhardt was in his patrol car after making a traffic stop in the northbound lanes of State Route 51 at Thomas when the driver of a late model Toyota Celano struck Lenhardt's car from the rear.

Lenhardt's patrol vehicle was pushed into the vehicle he had stopped. Officer Lenhardt was taken to Good Samaritan Hospital for treatment of neck and back injuries. The driver of the Toyota was not injured nor was the driver of the car Lenhardt had stopped.

The Arizona Department of Public Safety's Vehicle Crimes Unit is investigating the collision.